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Cynthia Gómez appointed to Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Portland, OR – Cynthia Gómez has been appointed to the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA) by Governor John Kitzhaber for a 3 year term and has been approved by the Oregon Senate for the position. “We are thrilled to have Cynthia’s expertise on the Commission,” says Andrea Cano, Chair of the OCHA which is an 11 member Commission with the statutory mission to work toward economic, social, political and legal equality for Oregon’s diverse Hispanic/Latino population. “Cynthia’s background in social justice, education and working with adjudicated youth will contribute to the OCHA’s policy work in these areas.” Ms. Gómez is the Director of Cultural Centers at PSU’s Department of Diversity and Multicultural Student Services.

Cynthia Carmina Gómez is a first generation Mexican-American raised in Yuma, Arizona. She moved to Oregon in 1993 and holds a Masters degree in Education, a Certificate in Chicano/Latino Studies and a Bachelor’s in Sociology. Today, Cynthia works at Portland State University as the Director of Cultural Centers in the Department of Diversity and Multicultural Student Services. In 1999, she became a faculty member in University Studies with a focus on teaching social justice and sustainability community-based learning courses.

In 2003, Cynthia began working with the Portland non-profit Latino Network, first as a board member, where she co-founded Concilio Somos el Futuro; then as a direct service provider to adjudicated youth; and most recently, as the Director of Civic Engagement and Leadership Programs. She also worked as a Coordinator for the Oregon Leadership Institute, where she collaborated with college students and high school Latino students in partnership with Portland Public Schools and the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement; held the title of Program Coordinator for Innovation Partnership; and operated her own consulting firm. She currently serves on the United Way Diversity Advisory Committee; is a parent representative on Bridger’s Portland Public School Site Council; and is a graduate of Leadership Portland, Class 2012.

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